

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, AS HOST FOR THE
2019 NCAA "FIRST FOUR" MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES**

WHEREAS, the NCAA Opening Round game of the NCAA Division I Men's College Basketball Tournament has been held at the University of Dayton since 2001, along with the "First Four" since its inception in 2011;

WHEREAS, the Evansville, Indiana, region, through the leadership of the non-profit Evansville Sports Corp. and the University of Evansville, intends to bid on hosting the 2019 NCAA Men's Division I First Four basketball games;

WHEREAS, Evansville's accessible location, first-class facilities, excellent hotels, and exciting attractions will create the perfect environment for the NCAA team of organizers, competitors, and visiting fans;

WHEREAS, Evansville has the experience and enthusiasm in hosting these types of sporting events and has become synonymous with successful, high profile NCAA sporting events;

WHEREAS, the Evansville Sports Corp. has secured, managed, and/or promoted numerous successful events, including the (1) NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Elite Eight and National Championship in 2014 and 2015, (2) GLVC Men's Baseball Conference Championship in 2012, (3) the GLVC Men's and Women's Basketball Conference Championship in 2012 and 2013, (4) Big 10 Men's Golf Championships in 2015 and 2016, (5) PGA Web.com Tour United Leasing & Finance Championship from 2012 to 2016, (6) Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Midwest Regionals from 2014 to 2016, and (7) Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country National Championships in 2017;

WHEREAS, the Evansville Sports Corp. specializes in all aspects of running NCAA events including the creation and execution of marketing plans, recruitment and coordination of volunteers, ticket sales and promotions, coordinating local, regional and national media, and much more;

WHEREAS, the Evansville Sports Corp. has one of the best volunteer bases in the country with dedication and passion for providing first class Hoosier hospitality to players, coaches, and fans;

WHEREAS, this recent success by the Evansville Sports Corp. is built on a long-standing tradition of Evansville successfully hosting and supporting NCAA sporting events;

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WHEREAS, prior to the events mentioned previously led by the Evansville Sports Corp., Evansville hosted the first round of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship in 1983 and the NCAA Men's Division II Basketball Elite Eight Championship from 1957 to 1975;

WHEREAS, in 2011, Evansville opened a brand new multi-use indoor arena called the Ford Center in downtown Evansville with capacity for 10,000 basketball fans and would be a perfect venue for the NCAA's "First Four";

WHEREAS, the Ford Center will connect via sky bridges to a convention center and a site under construction for a new \$71.3 million, 244-room Hilton DoubleTree hotel built specifically for conventions and large-scale events like the NCAA's "First Four";

WHEREAS, Dayton, Ohio, representatives estimate the First Four provided roughly \$4.5 million into the local economy, in addition to quality of life benefits and such benefits would take root in Evansville as well; and

WHEREAS, Evansville's unique blend of a new arena, corporate and volunteer support, restaurant and entertainment options, the under-construction Downtown hotel, and its geographic proximity to several larger cities all make it an ideal location for the 2019 NCAA "First Four" men's basketball games.

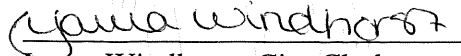
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, does hereby support a bid by the Evansville Sports Corp. and the University of Evansville to host the 2019 NCAA Men's Division I First Four basketball games.

PASSED BY the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana, on the 8 day of AUGUST, 2016, and on said day signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the City Clerk.



Missy Mosby
President of the Common Council

ATTEST:



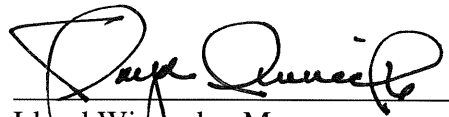
Laura Windhorst, City Clerk
City of Evansville, Indiana

Presented to me, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Evansville, Indiana, and to the Mayor of said City, the 10 day of AUGUST, 2016, at 4:30 o'clock P.m. for his consideration and action thereon.



Laura Windhorst, City Clerk
City of Evansville, Indiana

Having examined the foregoing ordinance, I do now, as Mayor of the City of Evansville, Indiana, approve said ordinance and return the same to the City Clerk this 11th day of AUGUST, 2016, at 10:30 o'clock A.m.



Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor
City of Evansville, Indiana